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1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET JANUARY 23 WITH N.G. NIKOL'SKIY, CHIEF OF MINISTRY OF PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY'S TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT, AND MRS. N.P. MERKULOVA OF MINISTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SEMINAR.

2. NIKOL'SKIY ADVISED THAT MINISTRY WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT HOLDING OF SEMINAR DURING PERIOD MAY 17-21 ON BASIS OF OUTLINE CONTINUED IN DECEMBER 1 LETTER FROM L.P. CAMPBELL OF RAYONIER TO COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTRY WOULD WISH TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE THE FINAL PROGRAM FOR THE SEMINAR. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SUGGESTED THAT FIRST SUB-HEADING UNDER "CHEMICAL CELLULOSE" INCLUDE PRODUCTION OF SULFATE CELLULOSE FOR USE IN TIRE CORD AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL FABRICS.

3. AS NEXT STEP, COMMERCIAL OFFICE SUGGESTS THAT ITT-RAYONIER PREPARE SEMINAR PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SHOWING SPECIFIC TOPICS, HOURS, DAYS ETC. ON BASIS OF THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM, COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILL BE IN POSITION TO OBTAIN MINISTRY'S FINAL APPROVAL AND BEGIN TO DO NECESSARY PRINTING WORK. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
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COMMERCIAL OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS PROPOSED

PROGRAM BY FEBRUARY 15 FOR DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY.

4. RECALLING EXPERIENCE OF JUNE 1975 PULP AND PAPER SEMINAR/EXHIBIT, WITH WHICH MINISTRY WAS MOST HELPFUL, MERKULOVA ASKED THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE OBTAIN ADVANCE COPIES, IN RUSSIAN, OF SEMINAR PAPERS. IF THIS PRESENTS TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM FOR ITT-RAYONIER, FIRM SHOULD PROVIDE TEXTS OF PAPERS IN ENGLISH WITH REASONABLY DETAILED RUSSIAN OUTLINES. THESE PAPERS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 10.

5. USDOC/BEWT IS REQUESTED TO CLARIFY WITH ITT-RAYONIER FIRMS DESIRES AS TO: A) PRINTING OF INVITATIONS AND PROGRAMS; AND B) ANY SOCIAL EVENTS. IF FIRM WISHES, WE CAN HAVE INVITATIONS AND PROGRAMS PRINTED IN HELSINKI. STOESEL

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